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Information Disclosure Statement by Applicants

Dear Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants list the following references (copies of the listed patents enclosed).

U.S. Patent Documents				
Exam. Initials	Class/ Subclass.	Document No.	Date	Name
	600/162	6,077,220	06/2000	Rudischhauser et al.
Foreign Patent Documents				
Exam. Initials	Document No.	Date	Country	
	37 08 124 C2	1994	Germany (with English abstract)	
	195 07 205 A1	1995	Germany (with English abstract)	
	199 13 761 A1	2000	Germany (with English abstract)	

The listed patents pertain in a general way to the subject matter of the application, but are not necessarily considered to be analogous prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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